

Dear Senator,

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Please understand the gravity of your moves to comply with Adam Walsh Act (AWA) and fix the Michigan Sex Offender Registry. (SOR)

HYTA was good legislation designed to allow those with youthful indiscretions, a second chance to mature and become good citizens. The SOR has erased that intent, by overriding the law and putting all youth who were considered worthy on the SOR, thereby taking the opportunity to set their lives in order away from them.

What has been proposed to comply with AWA will take many assigned HYTA, who never actually committed a crime, and put them on the most dangerous Tier for life.

They should be dropped altogether. If not, then put on Tier 1 Non Public. These are not dangerous people. These are people who have been the subject of Legislative injustice. Now you have the chance to make this right.

This is punitive to them and to their spouses and children. It will keep them from jobs and church and is unconstitutional as cruel and unusual punishment.

South Dakota is in compliance and has removed HYTA from their list.

You have an opportunity to get it right. Please be sure you are informed and comfortable that you have made a responsible vote.

Thank you for your hard work and service to the public. I pray for your ability to discern and make a wise and just choice.

If you have questions or wish further information, please call or email.

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